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Idaho Monthly Milk Production Up 3.7 Percent

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Idaho milk production during February 2010 totaled 933 million pounds, a 3.7 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 9 percent from January 2010. January 2010 milk production was revised to 1.03 billion pounds, up 7 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in February 2010 was 1,690 pounds, up 50 pounds from February 2009. The average number of milk cows during February was 552,000 head, up 3,000 from February 2009, and up 1,000 head January 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from February 2009. January revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from January 2009. The January revision represented an increase of 14 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,640 pounds for February, 35 pounds above February 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 168,000 head less than February 2009, but 3,000 head more than January 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, February 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	189	170	1,865	1,930	352	328	-6.8
California	1,825	1,760	1,720	1,755	3,139	3,089	-1.6
Colorado	128	116	1,780	1,800	228	209	-8.3
Florida	117	112	1,540	1,530	180	171	-5.0
Idaho	549	552	1,640	1,690	900	933	3.7
Illinois	102	101	1,510	1,530	154	155	0.6
Indiana	167	169	1,560	1,560	261	264	1.1
Iowa	215	213	1,550	1,575	333	335	0.6
Kansas	124	116	1,655	1,645	205	191	-6.8
Michigan	354	355	1,700	1,755	602	623	3.5
Minnesota	468	470	1,475	1,490	690	700	1.4
Missouri	107	101	1,150	1,100	123	111	-9.8
New Mexico	333	318	1,880	1,870	626	595	-5.0
New York	623	610	1,540	1,560	959	952	-0.7
Ohio	277	272	1,430	1,500	396	408	3.0
Oregon	114	114	1,520	1,570	173	179	3.5
Pennsylvania	551	541	1,490	1,520	821	822	0.1
Texas	430	410	1,650	1,640	710	672	-5.4
Utah	85	83	1,570	1,620	133	134	0.8
Vermont	136	134	1,415	1,440	192	193	0.5
Virginia	97	95	1,425	1,400	138	133	-3.6
Washington	240	246	1,750	1,825	420	449	6.9
Wisconsin	1,255	1,260	1,505	1,585	1,889	1,997	5.7
23 State Total	8,486	8,318	1,605	1,640	13,624	13,643	0.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 8 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 2010 totaled 16.1 million pounds, down 8 percent from February of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 2010 period totaled 33.5 million pounds, down 12 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.74 billion pounds in February, down 2 percent from the 3.83 billion pounds produced in February 2009. Beef production, at 1.96 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.55 million head, up 1 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 25 pounds from the previous year, at 1,285 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 2 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,000 head, down slightly from February 2009. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from last year, at 247 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.76 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.69 million head, down 3 percent from February 2009. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.3 million pounds, was down 3 percent from February 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,400 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 3 pounds from February a year ago. January to February 2010 commercial red meat production was 7.65 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	February 2009	January 2010	February 2010	February 2010 As Percent of 2009 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	133.3	137.8	126.4	95
Colorado	165.1	175.3	169.5	103
Idaho	17.5	17.4	16.1	92
Illinois	218.0	216.5	209.1	96
Iowa	546.4	*546.3	528.8	97
Kansas	396.4	433.9	402.9	102
Minnesota	199.1	206.5	203.6	102
Montana	0.9	1.4	1.4	146
Nebraska	541.1	560.3	528.7	98
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	55
Oklahoma	86.0	89.6	89.6	104
Oregon	4.3	4.5	4.0	94
South Dakota	88.2	74.9	70.3	80
Texas	396.0	385.7	365.5	92
Utah	39.1	38.7	38.6	99
Washington	60.3	65.6	66.3	110
Wyoming	0.6	0.6	0.5	90
United States	3,827.0	*3,917.6	3,736.1	98

*Revised ^{1/}Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. ^{2/}Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Down 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2010 totaled 195,000 head, 9 percent below the March 1, 2009 inventory. The cattle on feed inventory is down 5,000 head from the revised February 1, 2010 inventory of 200,000 head. Placements of cattle in state feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 36,000 head, down 2,000 head from February 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during February totaled 40,000 head, up 3,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 during February.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below March 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million, 1 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 520,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 460,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during February, 21 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	March 1, 2009	February 1, 2010	March 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of February
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	342	290	286	84	99
California	460	455	450	98	99
Colorado	1,040	960	940	90	98
Idaho	215	*200	195	91	98
Iowa	520	600	600	115	100
Kansas	2,290	2,240	2,220	97	99
Nebraska	2,330	2,370	2,350	101	99
Oklahoma	330	365	355	108	97
South Dakota	225	235	240	107	102
Texas	2,820	2,700	2,650	94	98
Washington	153	166	168	110	101
Other States	503	403	410	(X)	102
United States	11,228	*10,984	10,864	97	99

* Revised 1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. (X) Comparison to 2009 is not applicable.

Stocks in Cold Storage

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on February 28, 2010 totaled 904 million pounds, a 1 percent increase from January 31, 2010, but down 4 percent from February 28, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 203 million pounds, are up 2 percent from last month but down 18 percent from a year ago.

United States stocks of butter on February 28, 2010 totaled 198 million pounds, up 18 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 3 percent from a year ago. Stocks of total American cheese totaled 597 million pounds, up 2 percent from January 31, 2010, and up 10 percent from February 28, 2009.

Commodity	Feb 28, 2009	Jan 31, 2010	Feb 28, 2010	2010
				2009
POTATOES:	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
French Fries	945,098	891,960	903,546	96
Other Frozen	246,997	199,306	202,975	82
TOTAL	1,192,095	1,091,266	1,106,521	93
DAIRY:				
Butter, Total	204,927	168,248	198,071	97
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	541,739	587,740	597,001	110

Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 65.5 million cwt, 9.0 million cwt more than on hand March 1, 2009. Disappearance, at 65.5 million cwt is up from last year's 60.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.70 million cwt, up from last year's 1.80 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 62.8 million cwt, were up from the 54.7 million cwt stored on March 1, 2009.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 170 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2010, up 11 percent from a year ago and 4 percent above March 1, 2008. Potatoes in storage accounted for 44 percent of the 2009 fall storage States' production, 3 percentage points above March 1, 2009. Potato disappearance, at 214 million cwt, was 2 percent below March 1, 2009 and down 9 percent from 2008. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 20.9 million cwt, was up 12 percent from the same date in 2009 and 3 percent above 2008.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on March 1, 2009 and March 1, 2010 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2008			CROP OF 2009		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2009	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2010 2/	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,948	1,000	25	4,158	1,100	26
Colorado	21,907	11,100	51	22,080	10,500	48
Idaho	116,475	56,500	49	131,000	65,500	50
Maine	14,769	7,100	48	15,263	7,800	51
Michigan	14,875	3,300	22	15,660	3,500	22
Minnesota	20,400	8,700	43	20,700		
Montana	3,465	3,200	92	3,347	3,000	90
Nebraska	8,245	3,500	42	8,756	3,300	38
New York	5,696	1,200	21	4,950		
North Dakota	22,680	8,100	36	19,125	7,000	37
Oregon	18,676	9,800	52	21,460	10,700	50
Washington	93,000	31,400	34	88,450	36,200	41
Wisconsin	25,730	7,800	30	28,980	12,000	41
Other States					9,500	
13 STATES	369,866	152,700	41	383,929	170,100	44
Klamath Basin 3/		2,000			2,200	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2009 totaled 24.5 million cwt.

2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States".

3/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR. Included in the 13 state total.